I wonder if any of your readers has observed wildfowl playing about with water snakes in this fashion; and whether they fraternize with any living things other than their own species.

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7. EXTENSION OF RANGE OF THE LARGE INDIAN KITE *MILVUS MIGRANS LINEATUS* (GRAY)

Ripley in the SYNOPSIS (1961, p. 43) refers to the Large Indian Kite [*Milvus migrans lineatus* (Gray)] as wintering in the plains, but does not indicate its southern limits. It has been known to occur around Bombay, and Koelz (1942; *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* **43**:29) obtained 3 females (wings 459, 491, 510) at Londa near Castle Rock, North Kanara, between 7 January and 13 March 1938.

A few years ago, the Virus Research Centre at Poona sent to the Society a number of bird skins obtained in Mysore. We now notice that they include a male (wing 503) of this form obtained at Annandapuram, Shimoga District, Mysore, on 22 February 1960, by P. K. Rajagopalan of the Virus Research Centre.

Though North Kanara is now in Mysore, the present record is a small southward extension of the known range of this bird which is not included in Sálim Ali's BIRDS OF MYSORE.

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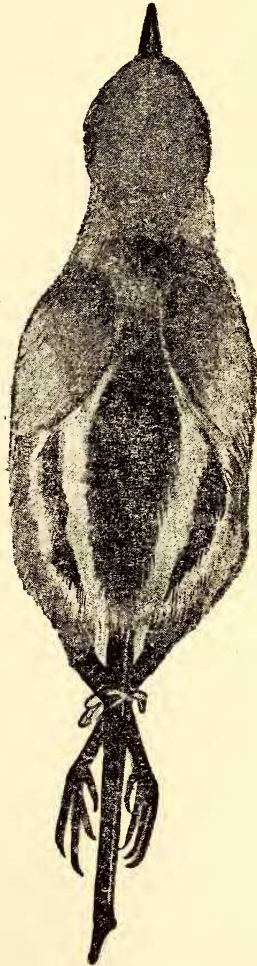SHAHID BHAGAT SINGH ROAD, BOMBAY,   J. G. NAIR
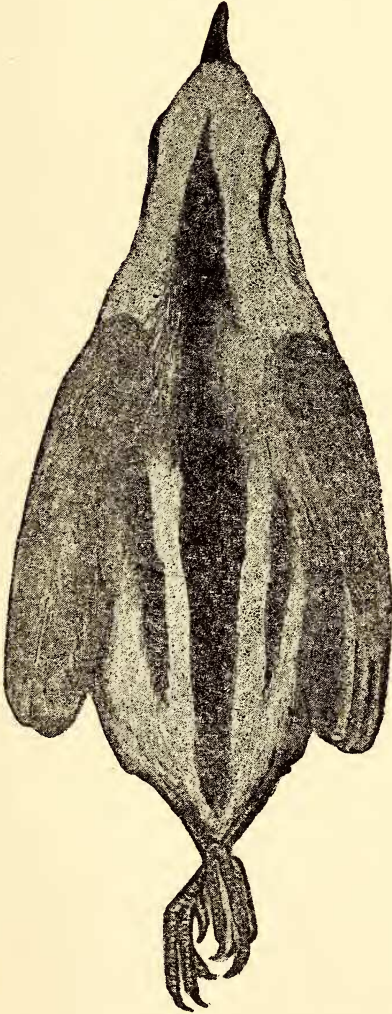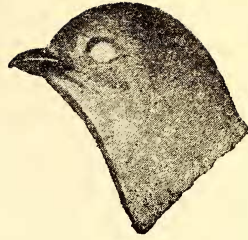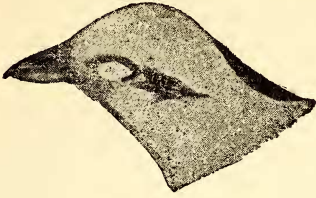*April* 27, 1968.

8. THE CHICK OF THE RED SPURFOWL *GALLOPERDIX SPADICEA* (GMELIN)

(*With a plate*)

As the chick of the Red Spurfowl *Galloperdix spadicea* (Gmelin), does not appear to have been described, the following may be of interest:—

On the evening of 20 May 1968, while we were walking home from Dhobi's Waterfall, Mahableshwar, 4000', Western Ghats, one of the boys (Azeem Sheikh) in the party drew my attention to a bird lying among dry leaves in the gutter by the side of the road. An examination revealed two downy chicks, obviously of a game bird, lying on their sides and kicking in the air. When picked up they

Chicks of: *Left*, Red Junglefowl; *Right*, Red Spurfowl
(Described in present note)